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G.O. No. 318

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Legislative Council Question -

Ravages - Wild beasts - South Kanara.

Council Office.
2-12-27.

Starred Question.

Mr. A. B. Shetty.

The Development Department.

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*1501. Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to ~~xxxxxx~~ lay on the table:-

~~(a)~~ the report obtained from the Collector of South Kanara with regard to clauses (a), (b), (c), (f), and (h) of my question No.929 re: ravages by wild beasts in the reserved forests of South Kanara answered on the 31st ~~of~~ October 1927? ~~and~~

~~(b)~~ the report the Government have received with regard to clauses (a), (b) and (d) of my question No.930 re: concessions in the reserved forests of South Kanara answered on ~~the same date~~ 31st October 1927?

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Starred Question

Mr A. B. Shetty.

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*1501. Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to lay on the table the report obtained from the Collector of South Kanara with regard to clauses (a), (b), (c), (f), and (h) of my question No 929 re: ravages by wild beasts in the reserved forests of South Kanara answered on the 31st October 1927?

Draft answer.

The report received from the [illegible] of South Kanara is placed on th Council Table.

H. E. pages 12-15 of G.O.No 2080 Development dated 3-12-27. omitting portion struck off in pencil on page 15 provided.

Answer Typd. by Fair Lent Examined Date 10/1/28 192 .

The above answer has been approved by Hon'ble Minister.

Legislative Council Question No.1501*(Starred)

Mr. A.B.Shetty.

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Will the Hon'ble the Home Member be pleased to lay on the table the report obtained from the Collector of South Kanara wit regard to clauses (a), (b), (c), (f) and (h) of my question No.9 re: ravages by wild beasts in the reserved forests of South Kana answered on the 31st October 1927?

Development Department.

A N S W E R.

The report received from the Collector of South Kanara is placed on the Council Table.

Fort St.George,
9th January 1928.

A.McG.C.Tampoe,
Secretary to Government.

To the Council Office.

The above answer has been approved by the

Hon'ble Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur.

and the Hon'ble Sir. Norman Marjoribanks,K.C.I.E.,C.S.I.,I.C.

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(By Order)

Superintendent.

m.k.r. 10-1-28.

Report of the Collector of South Kanara D.Dis. No. 7360-27 dated 15th November 1927.

Question 888 (b). Whether Government are aware that the havoc done by wild beasts has been steadily increasing in recent years.

I have not received any general complaints from villagers regarding any increased havoc by wild beasts. When I go into camp no one ever brings me word of - recent kills by tigers or panthers. Then I hear of is damage by monkeys and pigs. The Tahsildars who were asked to consult big ryots in the matter do not report having received such complaints. There is certainly some increase in the number of cattle destroyed by wild animals in 1926 in the taluks of Puttur, Coondapoor and Karkal as the figures noted in the margin for 3 years show. I am not able to explain the sudden increase in 1926.

Number of cattle destroyed.

Taluk	1924	1925	1926
Mangalore	223	268	217
Kasaragod	628	556	601
Puttur	1031	1030	1447
Udipi	368	280	274
Coondapoor	575	596	736
Karkal	763	748	975
Total	3590	3418	4230

	1922.	1923.	1924.	1925.	1926
Number of persons - killed by wild - - animals.	18	8	8	8	Nil

Question 888 (c). If so, whether it is due to the extension of reserved forests or to any other cause.

The figures noted in the margin show that the area of reserved forests in this district ~~Kanara~~ has been almost constant during the last 4 years.

Fasli	Extent of reserved forests. Acres.
1333	5,10,790.54
1334	5,10,790.54
1335	5,10,463.67
1336	5,10,464.63

The most appreciable increase occurs in the taluks of Puttur and Karkal. Both these taluks are in the interior, - most of the villages being situated just at the foot of the ghauts. Puttur Taluk is an extensive taluk having an area of about 8 lakhs of acres, of which only about 1½ lakhs represent occupied area. Hence, an increase in the havoc done by wild animals in such a taluk having extensive wild forests cannot be accurately ascribed to any particular cause but will have to be treated as an ordinary fluctuation. It may be due to cattle being driven further into the forests and left untended. It is only necessary to motor along the roads in Puttur Taluk to know how cattle stray everywhere with

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no one in charge of them. I believe children drive them out, go to school and in the evening come and collect them again. However, the following causes might have contributed to the increase and are suggested by local officers:—

(i) Apathy of the villagers inspite of encouragement given by Government to organise hunting parties.

(ii) Existence of reserved forests close to cultivation; this is due to the restriction imposed against the assignment of any land within 100 yards of a reserve forest boundary. On the other hand, removal of undergrowth within ½ a mile of patta holdings is permitted, but the privilege is probably used for taking green leaves, not for clearing jungle of cover.

(iii) The existing jungle growth in reserves and unreserves getting denser, and thereby giving greater shelter to wild animals. This, I think, is a pure guess.

Question 888(f). What steps have been taken to reduce the ravages from wild beasts and with what results.

As no markedly increased havoc by wild beasts was brought to the notice of the Collector, no special steps were taken to reduce it. The following are the steps taken to reduce the usual havoc done by wild beasts in this district.:-

(i) Increase in the number of gun licences issued.

NUMBER OF LICENCES.

Year	Form XVI	Form XIX.
1922	2110	3,407
1923	2258	3,538
1924	2303	3,646
1925	2429	3,737
1926	2556	4,054

The figures noted in the margin show the number of licences in force in this district during the last five years. There is a steady increase both under general licences and 'crop' licences.

(ii) Issue of licences to hunt in reserved forests. Statistics have been given under Question (h)

(iii) Permission to hunt wild boars and tigers in reserved forests under the supervision of the local forest subordinates.

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(iv) Grant of concession to ryots to remove undergrowth from reserved forests to a distance of ½ a mile from the limits of private holdings.

(v) Elephant capturing and permission to shoot rogue elephants

(vi) Rewards for killing wild animals. Statistics are given in the margin for 5 years.

Year	Rewards
1922	Rs.3004. 0. 0
1923	2542. 0. 0
1924	2530. 8. 0
1925	2388. 9. 3
1926	1116.10. 0

The marked decrease in 1926 is evidently due to the fact that owing to the instructions of the Board of Revenue in No. 5903 Routine, dated 2nd December 1925 that rewards should be granted only in deserving cases. Divisional officers restricted their rewards. It was naturally difficult to know whether 'deserving' should be applied to the shooter or the shot animal.

Question 888 (h). How many people have sought and obtained permission to hunt in reserved forests each year during the last six years.

Year	Number of persons.
1921	5
1922	3
1923	6
1924	2
1925	3 9
1926	2

Permission was given to villagers to hunt in reserved forests under the supervision of the local Forest subordinates in 1 case in 1920, 1 case in 1925 and 2 cases in 1926.

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JESTION.—No. 15081.

for the next meeting of the Legislative Council to ~~be held on the~~ 192 .

SUBMITTED that two copies of this Question may be forwarded to the Development Department.

The Question has been admitted.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT & DEVELOPMENT DEPT.

10 DEC 1937

U.O. No. , *dated*

To

The Development Department.

Development Department.

To Under Secretary,

Please see L. (. .)n in the c.f. It is a starred question. The report received from the Collector of South Kanara will be found at pages 12-15 of Gemi-official No. 2080 Dev. dt. 13-12-27. There seems to be no objection to placing this report on the Council Table as desired by the M.L.C.

If this is agreed to, the following draft answer is/approval. It may be sent to Revenue and Public Departments for acceptance.

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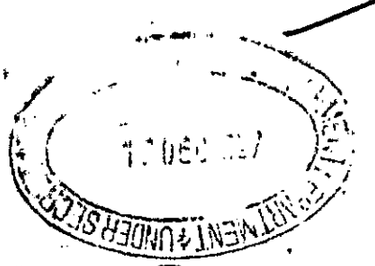

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To Under Secy,

Please see Rev: and Pub: notes on pages 2–3 supra. Both Revenue these depts have accepted the draft answer below. The file may now be circulated to Hons C-3 and C-2 for approval of the draft answer.

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Please see Hon C-2's remarks at bottom of page 3 supra. The draft answer as revised by Hon may now issue.

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Tobacco Survey

Please see extract of Council Proceedings at pages 7-8 of. The papers may now be returned to Economics no 318 of 21.2.28.

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L. C. Question.

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